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from the Quran and Today

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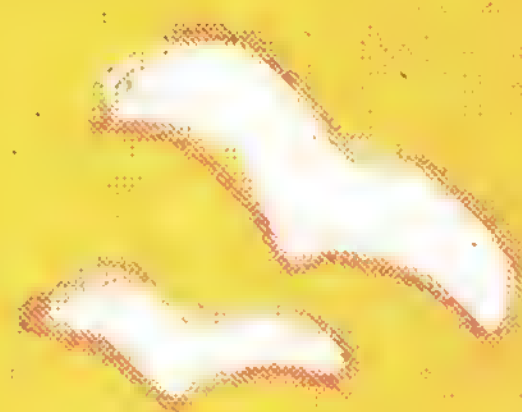
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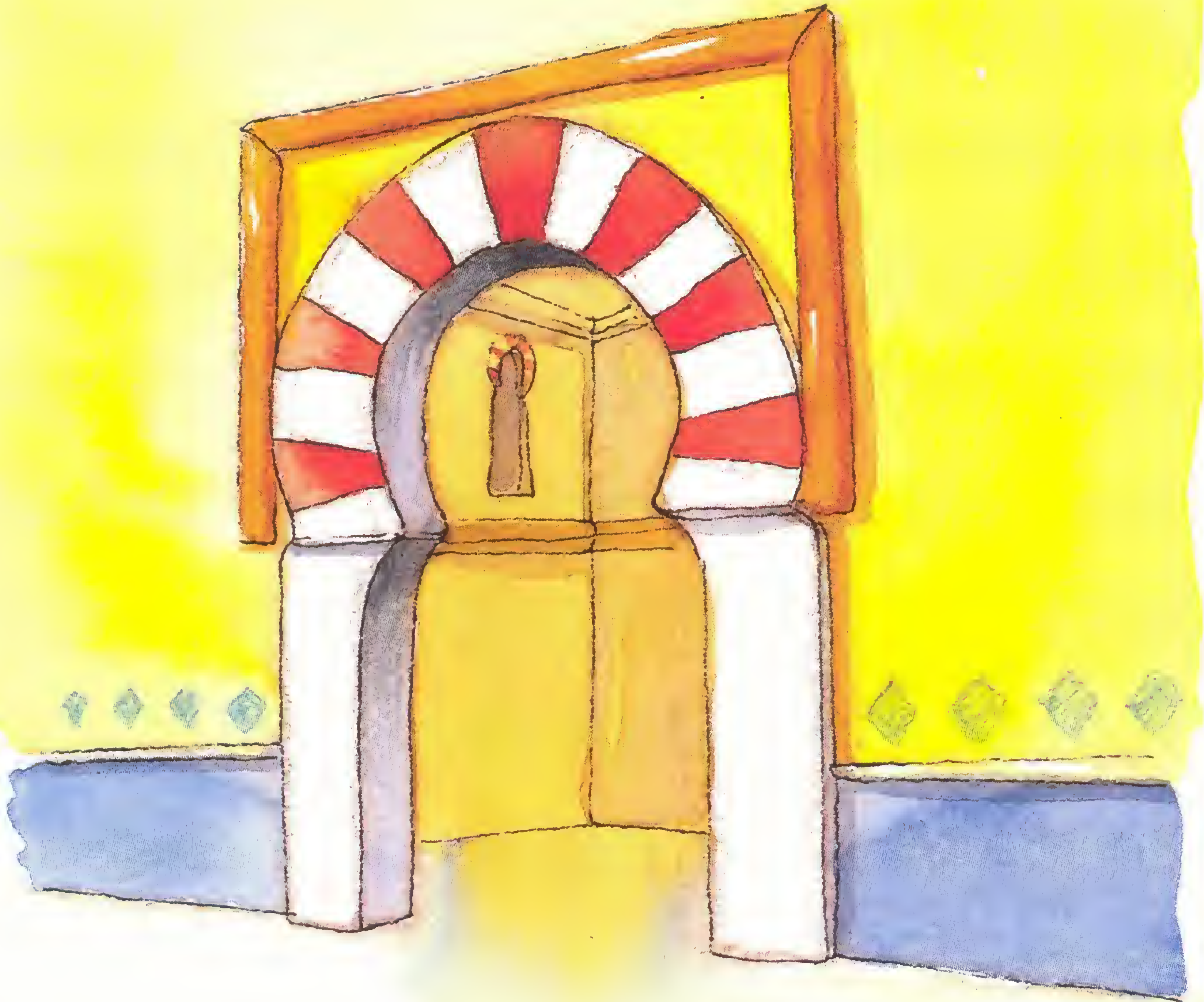
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The Pride of Satan



Allah created Adam, the first man, from dry clay and breathed His spirit into him, which made him superior to all other creations. Allah ordered the angels to bow down, and all of them did so except Satan. He was of those who reject faith. Allah asked Satan, “Why do you not bow down?” Satan replied, “I will not bow to a mortal created of dry clay.”

“Get away from here!” commanded Allah. “You are accursed. My curse shall be on you till Judgement Day.” “Allah,” begged Satan, “give me then respite till the Day of Resurrection.” “You are granted respite till the Appointed Day,” agreed Allah. “Allah you have made me commit a sin. Now I will make wrong appear like right to man and put all in the wrong like me.” Allah agreed and said, “But you shall have no power over My true servants, only the sinners will follow you to Hell.” Satan’s arrogance and self-love were the root of evil and unbelief. This made him disobey Allah’s command and rebel against Him. He could not even see his own fault and blamed Allah for leading him into sin.

Talk with me

What did Allah ask the angels to do?

Why did Iblis not obey Allah’s command?

Say with me

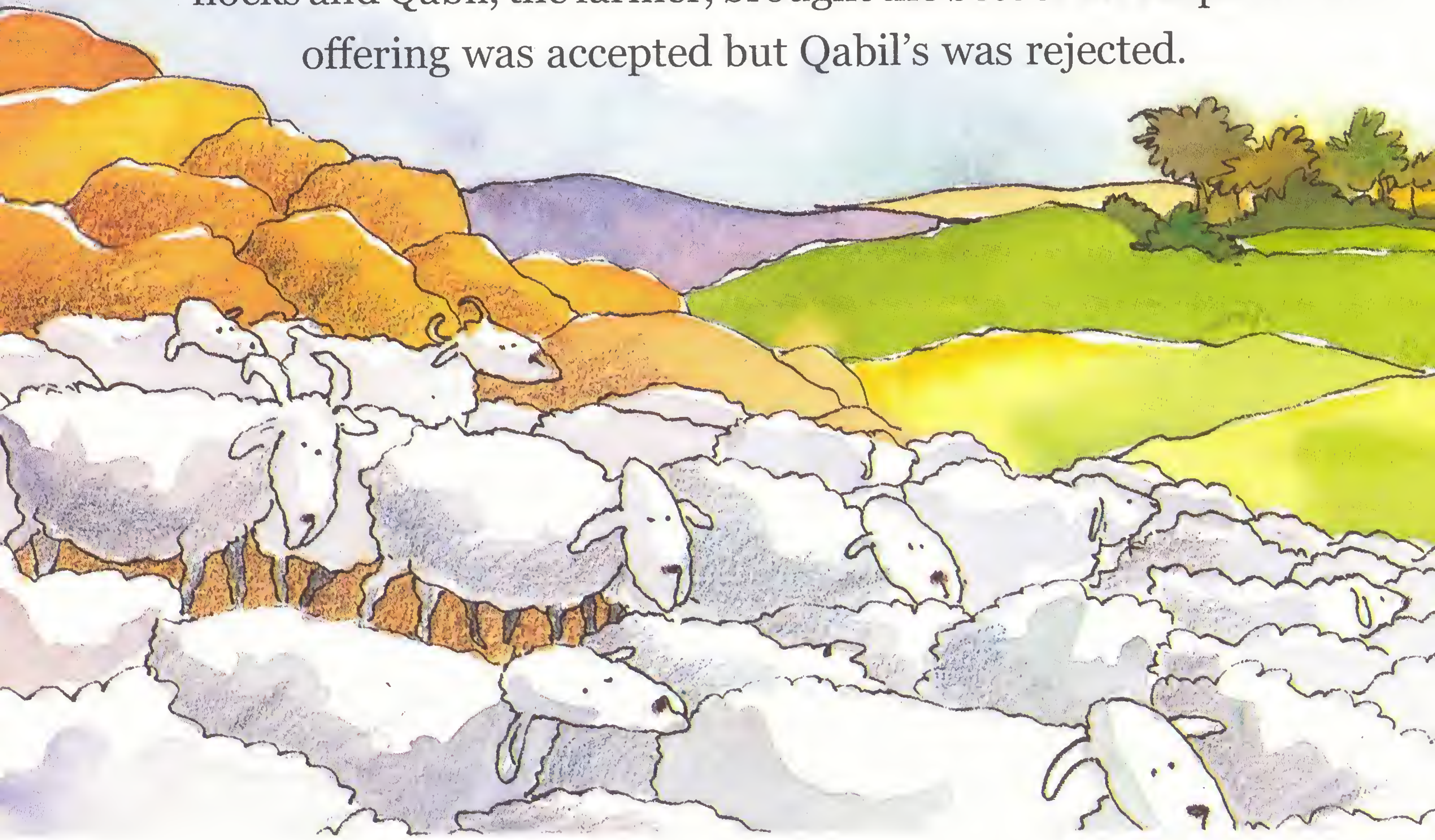
And when We said to the angels: ‘Prostrate yourselves before Adam,’ they all prostrated themselves except Satan, who in his pride refused and became an unbeliever. (2:34)

Pray with me

Dear Allah, save us from pride, arrogance and self-love from which all sins come.

Two Brothers

The Prophet Adam عليه السلام and Hawwa(Eve) had two sons, Habil(Abel) and Qabil(Cain). Habil was humble and Qabil was arrogant. One day they made offerings to Allah. Habil, the shepherd, took the best of his flocks and Qabil, the farmer, brought the best of his crops. Habil's offering was accepted but Qabil's was rejected.



Qabil's pride was hurt because his offering was rejected and his brother's was accepted. He became jealous and angry with his brother and blamed him for his disgrace. Habil tried to set him right and said, "If your sacrifice was not accepted there was something wrong in you, for Allah is just and accepts the sacrifice of the righteous. You are

proud and have no fear of Allah.” But Qabil refused to see his own mistake. Instead he disagreed and shouted, “Now I will kill you!” Habil did not want to fight and replied, “I am not going to fight back, though I am as strong as you are, because I fear Allah. Let me warn you that you are committing a sin and for it you will suffer in hell.”

Habil’s words had no effect on Qabil, as anger had blinded him and he couldn’t see what was right or wrong. In his pride, jealousy and anger, he killed Habil, his brother, and thereby earned Allah’s displeasure.

Talk with me

Why was Qabil’s offering not accepted?

Why did Qabil kill Habil?

Say with me

If anyone killed a person – except as a punishment for murder or other corruption in the land, it shall be as if he had killed the whole of humanity. And whoever saved a human life shall be looked upon as if he had saved all mankind. (5:32)

Pray with me

Dear Allah, protect us from pride, jealousy and anger and guide us to love and respect the whole of humanity